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SUBJECT: SIHANOUK TELEVISION INTERVIEW

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1. ON JAN. 14 SWEDISH TELEVISION PRESENTED FULL INTERVIEW GIVEN BY PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK TO TEAM FROM RADIO SWEDEN IN PEKING DEC. 17. EARLIER PRESENTATION ON JAN. 6 (REFTEL) WAS ONLY SMALL PART OF INTERVIEW, WHICH LASTS 45 MINUTES. BECAUSE OF INTEREST SHOWN IN ORIGINAL SEGMENT OF INTERVIEW, RADIO SWEDEN DECIDED TO CARRY FULL INTERVIEW IN SPECIAL BROADCAST, REPLACING PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM.

2. TAPE OF BROADCAST BEING SENT AIR POUCH TO EUR/NE. IN ADDITION TO PORTION OF INTERVIEW REPORTED EARLIER (REFTEL), FOLLOWING POINTS SEEM OF INTEREST:

A. SIHANOUK ATTRIBUTES HIS OVERTHROW C 1970 TO "COUP MADE BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AGAINST ME."

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B. LON NOL IS DESCRIBED AS A "MAD" FIGURE WHO SHOULD RECEIVE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT.

C. INASMUCH AS COMMUNISTS ARE IN MAJORITY IN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, "IT IS NATURAL THEY LEAD THE LIBERATION GOVERNMENT."

D. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION RE KIND OF SOCIETY SIHANOUK ENVISAGES FOR CAMBODIA IF LON NOL IS OVERTHROWN, SIHANOUK SAID IT WOULD BE "LEFTIST; NOT EXACTLY AS IN CHINA BUT CLOSE TO IT," ADDING THAT DUE TO VAST DIFFERENCES IN SCALE, CAMBODIA WOULD NOT BE AS "AUSTERE" AS CHINA.

E. ASKED WHY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WERE NOT INVITED INTO "LIBERATED" AREAS, SIHANOUK SAID HE HAD PROPOSED THIS, BUT THAT "KHMER ROUGE FLATLY OPPOSES IT." IN FACT, HEUDED, HE WAS ONLY MEMBER OF HIS GOVERNMENT PERMITTED INTO THESE AREAS BY KHMER ROUGE.

F. SIHANOUK SAID IT WOULD BE "LOGICAL" TO HAVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH US TO SETTLE CAMBODIAN CONFLICT BUT THAT US "CANNOT ADMIT TO ITS AGGRESSION" IN CAMBODIA AND INSISTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE WITH LON NOL, WITH WHOM SIHANOUK SAYS HE WILL "NEVJ" NEGOTIATE.

G. SIHANOUK WAS SOMEWHAT EVASIVE TO QUESTION REGARDING EFFECT OF RECENT VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO PEKING ON HIS OWN RELATIONSHIP TO PRC LEADERSHIP BUT SAID PRC INFORMED HIM OF CONTENT OF TALKS, INCLUDING ALLEGED KISSINGER STATEMENT THAT US WOULD NOT PERMIT SIHANOUK AND KHMER ROUGE TO TAKE POWER IN PHNOM PENH.

H. SIHANOUK STATED THAT HE IS "PUPPET" OF NORTH VIETNAM, ASSERTING THAT IF THIS WERE SO, HE AND KHMER ROUGE COULD HAVE "KNOCKED OUT" LON NOL REGIME YEARS AGO. HE SAID NORTH VIETNAM HELPS KHMER ROUGE, BUT HANOI FACES PROBLEM OF RECONSTRUCTION AND IS OCCUPIED WITH SUPPORTING PRG IN SOUTH. HE LAMENTED LACK OF TRANSPORT FOR KHMER ROUGE WEAPONS FROM CHINA TO CAMBODI, POINTING OUT THAT WHILE CHINESE ARE HELPFUL, THEY DO NOT HAVE COMMON BORDER WITH CAMBODIA.

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I. TOWARDS SOVIETS SIHANOUK WAS CRITICAL, ASSERTING THAT CAMBODIAN STRUGGLE WAS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH SOVIET DESIRE FOR DETENTE AND ACCUSING MOSCOW OF "PLAYING THE TWO CAMBODIAN HORSES." ASKED IF HE WOULD VISIT MOSCOW IF INVITED ON STATE VISIT, SIHANOUK SAID RUSSUNS WOULD "NOT DATE" INVITE HIM BUT IF THEY DID, HE WOULD GO. HE ADDED THAT KHMER ROUGE "WOULD NOT LIKE" HIS GOING TO USSR.

J. FINAL QUESTION WAS WHAT IMPACT SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE ON SITUATION, TO WHICH SIHANOUK REPLIED THAT EFFECT WOULD BE "TREMENDOUS" IN VIEW OF STANDING OF SWEDEN AMONG NEUTRAL NATIONS, AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO "SOLUTION X PROBLEM." (ALTHOUGH NOT RECOGNIZING GRUNK, GOS HAVE NEVER WITHDRAWN ITS RECOGNITION OF SIHANOUK AS HEAD OF STATE, AND HAS CONTACT WITH HIM THROUGH SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN PEKING.)

3. COMMENT: SIHANOUK'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WERE INTERSPERSED WITH FREQUENT GIGGLES. TO TV VIEWER IN SWEDEN, SIHANOUK COMES ACROSS IN INTERVIEW AS LACKING IN SERIOUSNESS, AND HIS FREQUENT REFERENCES TO LIMITATIONS PLACED ON HIS ACTIONS BY KHMER ROUGE SUGGESTS HIS ROLE IS PRIMARILY THAT OF FIGUREHEAD. EVEN CORRESPONDENT FOR DAGENS NYHETER, STRONG SUPPORTER OF INDOCHINA "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" AND PERSISTENT CRITIC OF US POLICY IN AREA, REMARKED THAT "QUESTIONS WERE MORE INTELLIGENT THAN THE ANSWERS," ADDING THAT "THE VIEWERS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN CAMBODIA SO FAR ACCEPTS SIHANOUK FOR WHAT HE CAN BE WORTH AS A FIGURHEAD."
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